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1. SUMMARY. THE JUNE 18 BALLOTING WHICH ENDED THE CISL NATIONAL
CONVENTION IN A CLEARCUT VICTORY FOR THE LEFTIST MAJORITY
FACTION OF PIERRE CARNITI, WHICH GAINED AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN
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THE NEW CISL CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL LUIGI
MACARIO, WHO WAS CONFIRMED AS LEADER OF THE CONFEDERATION BY THE
CONVENYION, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF MODERATE MINORITY LEADER FRANCO
MARINI IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS AND TO AN EXTENT REPUDIATED THE APPEAL
FOR UNITY WITH WHICH HE OPENED THE CONVENTION (SEE REFTEL)BY INDICATING

STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE MAJORITY POSITION. THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE

WILL MEET WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT AT THAT TIME CARNITI WILL BE NAMED CISL'S SOLE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. END SUMMARY.

2. CISL'S 8TH NATIONAL CONVENTION ENDED ON JUNE 18 WITH THE ELECTION OF A NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE LEFTIST MAJORITY FACTION LED BY PIERRE CARNITI. THE MAJORITY, AFTER DEFEATING AN INITIATIVE BY THE MODERATE MINORITY FORCES OF FRANCO MARINI UNDER WHICH THE CONVENTION WOULD HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH A SINGLE, UNIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR APPROVAL, GAINED 44 OF THE 66 CENTRAL COMMITTEE SEATS FILLED IN THE VOTING AT THE CONVENTION. THAT TOTAL, ADDED TO THE POSITIONS PICKED UP IN EARLIER PROVINCIAL AND CATEGORY UNION CONGRESSES, WILL GIVE CARNITI'S FOLLOWERS 135 SEATS ON THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AS OPPOSED TO 77 FOR THE MARINI GROUP.

3. MARINI RECEIVED THE TACIT BLESSING OF THE DC ON JUNE 16, WHEN PARTY SECRETARY BENIGNO ZACCAGNINI (WHO WAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY THE DELEGATES) MADE HIS ONLY APPEARANCE AT THE CONVENTION TO HEAR MARINI SPEAK. THIS WAS NOT ENOUGH, HOWEVER, TO OVERCOME, THE WELL-DISCIPLINED CARNITI FORCES AND THE ACTIVE OPPOSITION OF ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL LUIGI MACARIO. MACARIO, WHO WON EASY CONFIRMATION IN THE CONFEDERATION'S TOP POSITION, REPUDIATED TO AN EXTENT THE CALL FOR UNITY WITH WHICH HE OPENED THE CONFERENCE (SEE REFTEL) BY INDICATING

STRONG SUPPORT FOR CARNITI IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, JUST BEFORE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BALLOTING. "TO BE THE MAN OF CISL," MACARIO SAID AT ONE POINT, "AND THE MAN OF THE MAJORITY, IS TO ME THE SAME THING." THOUGH HE WAS CRITICAL OF MARINI PERSONALLY, MACARIO STATED HIS INTENTION TO SEEK THE SUPPORT OF THE MINORITY, IN PARTICULAR THOSE (SUCH AS PAOLO SARTORI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' UNION) WHO HAVE MADE AN APPRECIABLE CONTRIBUTION TO CISL'S GROWTH.

4. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS MACARIO REITERATED A NUMBER OF THE POINTS MADE IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS, IN PARTICULAR HIS CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PRODUCE A CLEAR POLICY ON LABOR AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. HE URGED THE AFL-CIO TO JOIN THE IFCTU WHERE, HE SAID, THE AMERICAN UNIONS CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

5. MACARIO MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE MEANS TO INTERVENE HEAVILY IN THE SELECTION OF A SECRETARIAT BY THE NEW CISL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, IMPLYING THAT CARNITI WOULD BE NAMED THE SOLE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL. CARNITI HIMSELF FINISHED BEHIND OUTGOING SECRETARIAT MEMBER ROBERTO ROMEI IN THE JUNE 18 BALLOTING DUE TO THE FACT THAT MANY MARINI SUPPORTERS VOTED A SPLIT TICKET IN ORDER TO INDICATE THEIR OBJECTION TO CARNITI PERSONALLY. THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITHIN THE TWO WEEKS AND TO ELECT A NEW SECRETARIAT AT THAT TIME.

6. COMMENT. THE CISL NATIONA CONVENTION REVEALED DEEP DIVISIONS
WITHIN THE CONFEDERATION AND SEEMS TO HAVE DONE LITTLE TO HEAL THEM.
THE MEETING PLACED THE CARNITI FACTION FIRMLY IN CONTROL AND FAILED
TO GRANT THE MINORITY GROUP A REPRESENTATION IN CISL'S GOVERNING
ORGANS COMMENSURATE WITH ITS SIZE. DIFFICULT BARGAINING IS EXPECTED
WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITON OF THE NEW
SECRETARIAT, BUT WITH LEFTISTS IN FULL CONTROL THE ONLY REAL ISSUE
IS HOW SMALL A MINORITY THE MODERATES WILL BE.

7. LABOR ATTACHE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED COMMENT AFTER THE
LABOR CONFERENCE IN MUNICH.GARNDER

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